

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Chandra et al, Dundee Navin  
Serial Number 10/644,582  
Filing Date: August 20, 2003  
Art Unit: 2166  
Examiner: Pham, Khanh B.  
Confirmation No: 5207  
For: **System, method and apparatus for assembling and mining life science data**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This paper accompanies a request for continued examination. A pending appeal is hereby withdrawn.

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested, for the reasons set forth below.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 28, 30, 32, 36-37, 39, 96, 100 and 105-106.

Please amend claims 26-27, 29, 31, 33-35, 38, 40, 92-95, 97-99 and 101-104 as set forth below.

Please add new claims 107-116.

A complete claim listing follows on the next page.